

REMINDER

Drawing changes may also require changes on the specification, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig. 1B, Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawings, must likewise be changed. Please make such changes by 37 CFR 1.312 Amendment at the time of submitting drawing changes.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Informalities—37 CFR 1.85

File new drawings with the changes incorporated therein. The application number or the title of the invention, inventor's name, docket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a person to call if the Office is unable to match the drawings to the proper application, should be placed on the back of each sheet of drawings in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84(c). Applicant may delay filing of the new drawings and receipt of the Notice of Allowability (PTOL 37). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136. The drawing should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Drawing Review Branch.

2. Timing of Corrections

Applicant is required to submit **acceptable** corrected drawings within the time and shortened statutory period set in the Notice of Allowability (PTOL 37). If a correction is determined to be **unacceptable** by the Office, applicant must arrange to have acceptable corrections filed within the allowable or statutory period to avoid the necessity of obtaining an extension of time and paying the associated fee. Therefore, applicants should file corrected drawings as soon as possible.

Failure to take corrective action within set time may result in a **FINAL ABANDONMENT** of the application.

3. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by the Drawing Review Branch on the Form FIG 948

All changes to the drawings, other than informalities noted by the Drawing Review Branch, **MUST** be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted to be made, other than correction of informalities, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.